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SUBJ: REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH

1. MEDIA REACTION REPORT FORWARDED BY USIS TODAY (INFO TO SECSTATE ARA) GIVING DETAILS OF MEDIA REACTION THUS FAR. INITIAL TREATMENT BY MAJOR NEWSPAPERS WAS SOMEWHAT SUBJECTIVE REFLECTING SPECIAL VIEWS OR EDITORIAL POLICY OF INDIVIDUAL ORGANS. OFFICIAL 'NACIONAL', FOR EXAMPLE, HEADLINED "US. WANTS TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA: HK". NATIONALIST 'EXCELSIOR' IN TWIN SUBHEADINGS: "INVITES DIALOGUE" AND OPENING TOWARD CUBA". CONSERVATIVE 'HERALDO' HEADLINED: "US. WILL NOT ASSIST COUNTRIES WHICH PRACTICE CONFRONTATION".

2. MEXICO'S MULTITUDE OF POLITICAL EDITORIALISTS AND COLUMNISTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SELECT THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH FOR CONSIDERATION ON WHICH THEY FEEL THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY REGARDLESS OF CONTEXT. INFLUENTIAL 'EXCELSIOR' HAS EDITORIALIZED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT LATIN AMERICAN REACTION TO THE TRA BROUGHT ABOUT "A CERTAIN CORRECTION" IN THE LAW, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SECRETARY'S REMARK THAT CERTAIN TARIFFS WOULD BE ELIMINATED. WHAT THIS SHOWS, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE EDITORIALIST HAS NEVER TROUBLED TO INFORM HIMSELF OF THE MEANING AND CONTENT OF THE TRA.

3. FURTHER REACTION WILL BE REPORTED AS WARRANTED.

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